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1. AS NOTED REFTEL, WHEN CY SULZBERGER ASKED RCC VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN WHAT COUNTRY IRAQ MOST CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH, SADDAM MENTIONED ONLY ALGERIA. THIS AFFINITY IS NOW BECOMING PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED AS SHOWN IN FOLLOWING EXCERPTS FROM AN ARTICLE IN SEMI-OFFICIAL BAGHDAD OBSERVER OF APRIL25.

2. IT IS SOURCE OF PRIDE THAT IRAQ AND ALGERIA MEET AT COMMON FUNDAMENTAL POINTS, NOTABLY THAT EACH HAS SHOULDERED HEAVY BURDENS TOWARDS ATTAINING ASPIRATIONS OF ARAB NATION FOR LIBERTY AND PROGRESS, FOR ARAB CAUSE OF LIBERATING PALESTINE AND FOR SECURING LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF ARAB PEOPLE. AS IRAQ UNDERTOOK AN OUTSTANING UNCLASSIFIED

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ROLE DURING OCTOBER WAR SO DID ALGERIA. ALGERIA HAS

SPARED NO POSSIBILITY TO DEFEND THE ARAB RIGHT THAT NO JUST PEACE CAN EVER BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT SECURING LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF ARAB PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO THEIR USURPED LAND.

3. IRAQ AND ALGERIA HAVE ADOPTED A COMMON PROGRESSIVE POLICY LINE, WHICH HAS PROVIDED THEM BOTH WITH POTENTIALITY OF RAPID DEVELOPMENT AND ACCELERATED ELIMINATION OF PASSIVE REMNANTS OF THE PAST. AS IN THE CASE OF IRAQ, ALGERIA ADOPTS POLICY LINES OF PLANNED AND COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT WITH DUE CONSIDERATION ON INDUSTRIALIZATION. ALGERIA BELIEVES THAT IT IS THE RIGHT OF ANY STATE TO EXTEND ITS SOVEREIGNTY OVER ALL ITS NATIONAL RESOURCES AND ESTABLISHED EQUITABLE ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES ON BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND BENEFITS. THIS ATTITUDE, SPONSORED AND FIRMLY DEFENDED BY OUR COUNTRY, HAS BEEN A CORNERSTONE IN THE POLICY LINE OF ALGERIA.

4. NO DOUBT THAT JOINT IRAQI-ALGERIAN ATTITUDE HAS HAD A GREAT SIGNIFICANCE IN SUPPORTING VITAL INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BOTH IRAQ AND ALGERIA HAVE NATIONALIZED OIL MONOPOLIES, ESTABLISHED NATIONAL OIL SECTORS AND PROVIDED POSITIVE EXPERIENCES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

5. IN THE POLITICAL FIELD, ALGERIA HAD ADOPTED LIBERATION-ORIENTED ATTITUDES WITHIN THE NON-ALIGNMENT MOVEMENT. ALGERIA AND IRAQ HAVE HAD IDENTICAL ATTITUDES IN THIS RESPECT, FOR IRAQ'S STAND AT THE NON-ALIGNMENT COORDINATION BUREAU MEETING HELD IN HAVANA RECENTLY DESERVED THE APPRECIATION OF ALGERIA AS REFLECTED IN THE CABLE BOUMEDIENNE SENT TO AL-BAKR INDICATING IRAQ'S OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE ADOPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOLUTIONS.

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